

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claims 1-9 (canceled).**

**Claim 10 (new):** A safety device for a motor vehicle, comprising at least one closable opening of the interior, a closing element driven by a servo drive for closing the opening, and a control unit is configured to evaluate safety-related data when the motor vehicle is in motion and to activate the servo drive at such time that the closing element is moved from an open position in a closing direction into a predetermined position, in which the closable opening has an open gap prior to occurrence of an anticipated accident.

**Claim 11 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the closing element is configured to be moved into the predetermined position from the closed position.

**Claim 12 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein a size of the open gap is an individually preset table.

**Claim 13 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the closing element is one of a side window and a sliding roof.

**Claim 14 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the servo drive is configured to have a quick closing function activatable by the control unit upon activation of the server drive.

**Claim 15 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the safety-related data comprise driving state variables.

**Claim 16 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the safety-related data comprise ambient data.

**Claim 17 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the safety-related data comprise evaluated driver activities.

**Claim 18 (new):** The safety device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the closing is returned to its original position in the event the anticipated accident does not occur.